

Table 744. Employer Firms, Establishments, Employment, and Annual Payroll by Firm Size: 1990 to 2006

[In thousands except as noted (5,074 represents 5,074,000). Firms are an aggregation of all establishments owned by a parent company with some annual payroll. Establishments are locations with active payroll in any quarter. This table illustrates the changing importance of enterprise sizes over time, not job growth, as enterprises can grow or decline and change enterprise size cells over time]

Item	All industries—employment size of firm							
	Total	0 to 4 ¹	5 to 9	10 to 19	20 to 99	100 to 499	Less than 500	500 or more
Firms:								
1990.....	5,074	3,021	952	563	454	70	5,060	14
1995.....	5,369	3,250	981	577	470	76	5,354	15
2000.....	5,653	3,397	1,021	617	516	84	5,635	17
2002.....	5,698	3,466	1,011	614	508	82	5,681	17
2003.....	5,767	3,504	1,025	620	515	85	5,750	17
2004.....	5,886	3,580	1,043	633	526	87	5,869	17
2005.....	5,984	3,678	1,050	630	521	87	5,966	17
2006.....	6,022	3,670	1,061	647	536	91	6,004	18
Establishments:								
1990.....	6,176	3,032	971	600	590	255	5,448	728
1995.....	6,613	3,260	998	618	639	284	5,799	814
2000.....	7,070	3,406	1,035	652	674	312	6,080	990
2002.....	7,201	3,471	1,024	653	693	333	6,173	1,028
2003.....	7,255	3,510	1,038	655	687	331	6,222	1,033
2004.....	7,388	3,586	1,056	667	693	330	6,331	1,056
2005.....	7,500	3,684	1,063	662	679	332	6,421	1,079
2006.....	7,601	3,677	1,073	679	698	346	6,473	1,129
Employment:								
1990.....	93,469	5,117	6,252	7,543	17,710	13,545	50,167	43,302
1995.....	100,315	5,395	6,440	7,734	18,422	14,660	52,653	47,662
2000.....	114,065	5,593	6,709	8,286	20,277	16,260	57,124	56,941
2002.....	112,401	5,698	6,640	8,246	19,874	15,909	56,366	56,034
2003.....	113,398	5,768	6,732	8,330	20,187	16,430	57,448	55,950
2004.....	115,075	5,845	6,853	8,500	20,643	16,758	58,597	56,477
2005.....	116,317	5,937	6,898	8,454	20,444	16,911	58,645	57,672
2006.....	119,917	5,960	6,974	8,676	21,077	17,537	60,224	59,693
Annual payroll (bil. dol.):								
1990.....	2,104	117	114	144	352	279	1,007	1,097
1995.....	2,666	142	137	175	437	361	1,252	1,414
2000.....	3,879	186	174	231	608	528	1,727	2,152
2002.....	3,943	194	182	241	624	536	1,777	2,166
2003.....	4,041	197	187	247	635	552	1,818	2,222
2004.....	4,254	206	196	258	670	588	1,917	2,337
2005.....	4,483	220	206	269	700	617	2,013	2,470
2006.....	4,792	230	214	282	742	661	2,129	2,664

¹ Employment is measured in March, thus some firms (start-ups after March, closures before March, and seasonal firms) will have zero employment and some annual payroll.

Source: U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Advocacy, "Statistics of U.S. Businesses"; <<http://www.sba.gov/advo/research/data.html>>; accessed 3 February 2009.